

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Dave Ode, who will be retiring from the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks; and,

*Whereas*, Dave came to Game, Fish, and Parks as a member of the original Natural Heritage Program where he served as the program's botanist, and committed himself to the mission of The Nature Conservancy and the Natural Heritage Program, by identifying and monitoring rare plant communities and assisted in prioritizing land protection and management strategies; and,

*Whereas*, Dave has demonstrated his personal and professional commitment to native plants and unique natural communities through his involvement in multi-agency planning efforts, on-the-ground protection measures, and leadership in the Missouri Breaks Audubon Chapter; and,

*Whereas*, Dave has a rare combination of scientific and communication skills, sharing his enthusiasm for the natural world through his "Dakota Flora" columns in the South Dakota Conservation Digest that were published in 2006 as a book titled "Dakota Flora: A Seasonal Sampler;" and,

*Whereas*, Dave has given back to South Dakota, being awarded the Wildlife Division's Exemplary Public Service Award in 2011 and served as a member of the Wildlife Action Plan team that received the Wildlife Division's Teamwork Award in 2014; and,

*Whereas*, Dave will retire on October 7, 2016, to spend more time with his wife, Jeanne, and family and continue to experience South Dakota's bounty with shotgun, rifle, and rod and reel:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2016 as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State